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Identical letters dated 2 March 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the following information.

Israel has yet again proved persistent in violating all international instruments and international law, particularly international humanitarian law. Only a few days after committing the crime of detaining the Syrian activist Sidqi al-Maqt, it has continued its provocative, repressive and arbitrary policies against our people in the occupied Syrian Golan. On the dawn of 2 March 2015, the Israeli occupation forces detained Sheikh Atif Darwish from the occupied village of Buq'ata and Fida' Majid al-Sha'ir from the occupied village of Majdal Shams, confiscating their personal mobile phones and computers, in yet another violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic stresses once again that the Israeli occupation forces' policy of arbitrary detention is part of a catalogue of Israeli crimes and human rights violations against the Syrian civilian citizens in the occupied Syrian Golan stretching back five decades since the occupation of the Syrian Golan.

Syria calls on the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Security Council, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and all human rights organizations to bring pressure to bear on Israel, the occupying Power, to immediately and unconditionally release all Syrian detainees in its jails. Syria calls on the Security Council to take the necessary legal measures to enforce its resolutions and ensure that Israel withdraws fully from all of the occupied Syrian Golan to the lines of 4 June 1967.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as a document of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 51, and of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations